

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A latch assembly for closing a door or window opening to a fixed frame having a longitudinal extent at multiple locations distributed along said extent with a single latching movement, said assembly comprising a longitudinally extended keeper having at least three apertures in distributed, longitudinally spaced array, said keeper being mountable to one side of said opening, a cooperating longitudinally extended latch structure comprising a longitudinally shiftable carrier carrying a corresponding number of distributed latch pins selectively engageable with said apertures, respective pairs of said apertures and pins being relatively coaxially disposable and opposable, a carrier shifting guide, said latch structure being in keeper opposed relation, and an actuator for shifting said carrier and latch pins along said carrier guide between engaged and nonengaged conditions of said latch pins with said apertures, and spring biasing structure biasing said carrier against latch pin engagement with said apertures, said actuator locking said latch pins into aperture engagement against said spring bias.

2. (Original) The latch assembly according to claim 1, in which said keeper comprises a keeper bar mountable to said opening one side, said keeper bar having a

center section, said apertures being formed in said keeper center section to receive said latch pins in keeper center section passing relation, said apertures being cam-shaped to receive and retain said latch pins as a function of longitudinally shifting of said latch pins within said apertures.

3. (Original) The latch assembly according to claim 1, in which latch structure comprises a latch bar mountable to said opening other side, said latch bar having a center section flanked by exterior flanges that are attached to said opening other side, said latch structure center section defining a slot opposite each said latch pin for longitudinal movement of latch pins.

4. (Original) The latch assembly according to claim 1, in which said latch structure comprises a latch bar mountable to said opening other side, said latch bar having a center section and forming a guideway that receives said carrier in sliding relation.

5. (Currently Amended) The latch assembly according to claim 4 6 including also spring biasing structure biasing said carrier against latch pin engagement with said apertures, said actuator locking said latch pins into aperture engagement against said spring bias.

6. (Currently amended) A latch assembly for closing a door or window opening to a fixed frame having a longitudinal extent at multiple locations distributed along said

extent with a single latching movement, said assembly comprising a longitudinally extended keeper having at least three apertures in distributed, longitudinally spaced array, said keeper being mountable to one side of said opening, a cooperating longitudinally extended latch structure comprising a longitudinally shiftable carrier carrying a corresponding number of distributed latch pins selectively engageable with said apertures, respective pairs of said apertures and pins being relatively coaxially disposable and opposable, a carrier shifting guide, said latch structure being in keeper opposed relation, and an actuator for shifting said carrier and latch pins along said carrier guide between engaged and nonengaged conditions of said latch pins with said apertures. ~~The latch assembly according to claim 1, in which said latch structure further comprises~~ comprising a plurality of guide pins, said keeper defining a corresponding plurality of guide pin receivers distributed between said apertures for aligning said keeper and latch structure in the closed condition of said door or window.

7. (Original) The latch assembly according to claim 1, in which said actuator comprises a hand-operated lever and a lever-operated tongue that engages with said carrier in latch pin shifting relation.

8. (Original) In combination: the latch assembly according to claim 1 and a window or door and cooperating frame.

9. (Currently Amended) The combination according to claim [9] 8, in which one or

more of said window, door and frame is made of plastic.

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17. (Currently Amended) In combination: the latch assembly according to claim ~~45~~ 6 and a window or door panel and a frame.

18. (Currently Amended) The combination according to claim ~~46~~ 17 in which said window or door panel and said frame is are made of plastic.

Claim 19 Cancelled

20. (Currently amended) A latch assembly for closing a movable door or window panel to a frame in an opening having a fixed side defined by said frame and a movable side defined by said window or door panel at multiple locations distributed along the frame and panel longitudinal extents with a single latching movement, said assembly comprising a longitudinally extended metal keeper having at least three apertures in distributed longitudinally spaced array, said keeper being mounted to said movable side of said opening, a cooperating longitudinally extended metal latch structure comprising a longitudinally shiftable metal carrier carrying a corresponding number of distributed metal latch pins selectively engageable with said apertures and a metal carrier shifting guide, said latch structure being mounted to said opening fixed side in keeper opposed

relation, respective pairs of said apertures and metal latch pins being relatively coaxially disposed and opposed across said opening in the open and closed condition of said door or window, and a hand operable actuator for shifting said carrier and latch pins along said carrier guide between engaged and nonengaged conditions of said latch pins with said apertures ~~The latch assembly according to claim 19, in which said apertures are being~~ keyhole-shaped to receive said metal latch pins in alternate coaxial positions[.] and retain said metal latch pins as a function of longitudinally shifting of said latch pins within said apertures.

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